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PATENT APPLICATION

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Is re application of

Docket No: Q61459

Daikichi FUKUSHIMA, et al.

Appln. No. 09/700,397

Group Art Unit: 1634

Confirmation No.: 3598

Examiner: A. Chakrabarti

Filed: November 14, 2000

For: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, cDNA ENCODING THE SAME, AND USE OF THEM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2002. The examiner set a one month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a one-month extension of time, making the due date for response June 25, 2002.

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated April 25, 2002, Applicants elect Group II, claims 3-7 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1, 2 and 8-10.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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